

BRAVO DETACHMENT, 176TH FINANCE BATTALION PAC NEWSLETTER

March 2003

The purpose of this newsletter is to assist the PAC's in Area III, and update them of finance related issues. Our goal is to keep you informed so that we can work as a team to better serve the soldiers on Camp Humphrey's and Area III.

Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) Survey

Payment of COLA is designed to give service members living in high cost areas outside the U.S. the purchasing power of service members living in the U.S. A new COLA survey will be administered in the Republic of Korea from 31 March 03 to 30 April 03. The survey is located on the 175th FINCOM website at http://175fincom.korea.army.mil/. This new COLA survey is designed to more accurately measure living patterns of service members in Korea. All service members are encouraged to participate.

Help us help you

- Ensure all new soldiers in-process finance. Soldiers should in-process within 3 working days of their arrival. In-processing finance is very critical as it affects accurate payment of entitlements. If a soldier does not in-process by the 20th of the month they arrive and their entitlements change, they will be overpaid and have a debt to the government. It will also ensure that soldiers receive their leave and earning statement (LES) at their unit. Timely in-processing of personnel will prevent pay problems. Leaders ensure your soldiers are in processed, contact 753-8580. Thank you
- Departing soldiers should submit their finance packets no later than 30 days prior to their departure and clear finance the day prior to their flight date. Soldiers in remote locations may out-process finance two days prior to their flight date. In and out processing is done by appointment, but exceptions can be made with notification from the PAC.

TL-Turn -in

The cut-off for document turn-in to affect a soldier's pay for mid-month and EOM April are the 4th and 21st respectively.

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